



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Shigetoshi WAKAYAMA et al.**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2006, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.